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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Box RCE
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

Our check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Box RCE
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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002. In view of the following amendments and response, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 8-10 and 13 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A system for use with jack assemblies including front plug receiving ports and rear electrical card edge contacts comprising:
a chassis having a front and a rear, the chassis including a power bus having a plurality of power plugs for providing electrical power, wherein the power bus further includes a power intake for receiving electrical power, the chassis defining a plurality of jack assembly receiving areas formed at the front of the chassis; and

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